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Applicant : BERND FEDERHEN                      Docket No.: 01-517  
Serial No.: 09/914,057                      Examiner :  
Filed : August 21, 2001                      Art Unit :  
For : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR INWARDLY  
TRANSFERRING BULK MATERIAL INTO  
A PNEUMATIC CONVEYOR LINE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
United States Patent and Trademark office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the above-identified application for United States  
patent, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Submitted herewith is a set of amended claims showing the  
amendments made to the claims with added material being  
underlined and material removed shown in brackets. Also  
submitted herewith is a clean copy of all claims in the case.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please insert an Abstract, a copy of which is attached  
hereto, on a separate page following the claims.